

Dereham Church Of England Junior Academy

Year 3 Newsletter

Thank you

All the teachers and TAs want to say a big thank you to those that filled in our questionnaire. We have had 31 responses now and every one we received back put agree or strongly agree to the questions 'my child has settled into Junior school.'

Thank you also for the 'even better if' comments. All of them were incredibly respectful and well thought out. Although some of the actions suggested just are not possible, I'd say at least 70% of the suggested actions will now be put into practise next year.

English

In English we have been looking at poems. As part of this we have been learning about rhyme, rhythm and alliteration. The children are getting really good at finding how many syllables are in a word and then using this to create lines with a similar number of syllables. Next week is Greek week followed by R.E. week.

Key Info

The children are really looking forward to showing you their shadow puppet nativity! Due to space in the classrooms, we will be allocating each child 2 tickets (babies and toddlers can sit on laps and don't require a ticket). Tickets will go out nearer the time.

Performance times

Einstein and Owens Dec 13th 10:15am

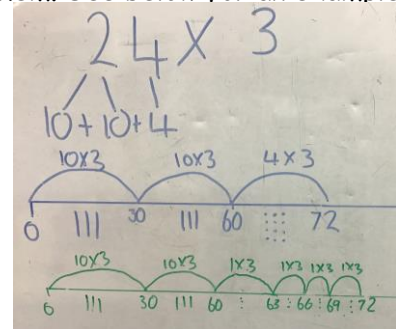
Curie and Keller class Dec 18th 9:10am

School Trips in Year 3

Just to let you know we are currently arranging our school trips. They will be on Tuesday April 28th and Friday 10th July. We won't ask for voluntary contributions until much nearer the time but for your information the total cost for both of these trips together last year was £22

Maths

During the last few weeks, we have been looking at multiplication in maths. We are learning how to partition numbers (split them) so that we can make our calculations more efficient when we come to multiply them. See below for an example!



Topic

Our topic has now moved from science to art, DT and R.E. We finished off our science work by designing an experiment to see which surfaces reflected the most light. We used LUX meters to measure how much light was reflected. We found out that white paper reflected more light than black paper and that a mirrored surface reflects the most light. We are designing and making our shadow puppets for our shadow puppet nativity. All the shadow puppets will be designed by the children and (hopefully) filmed by the children as well. All children will have a few lines to say and they, as well as us, cannot wait to see the end products! If you cannot make it to the showing, we are working on a way to put the finished products onto our website so that the children can show off their talents to all the people they know. Thank you so much for your continued support!